

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A seating unit comprising:

a seat; and

a back, wherein an edge of said back includes an aesthetic portion, and wherein said aesthetic portion is patterned to resemble one of a plurality of preselected scenic silhouettes of existing landscape contours, ridge profiles, or mountain ranges.

2. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back comprises:

at least one central portion, said central portion extending longitudinally from a first edge of said back to a second edge of said back, wherein said first edge is the edge which includes said aesthetic portion;

a plurality of filler portions, said filler portions extending longitudinally from said first edge of said back to said second edge of said back, and said filler portions substantially filling a space between said central portion and lateral boundaries of said back.

3. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back further comprises:

a single planar portion having a forward face and a rear face, said forward face arranged to be facing a seating portion of said seating unit; and

at least one support member operatively attached transversely to said single planar portion, said support member attached proximate said rear face.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is an Adirondack-style chair.

6. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is an Adirondack-style furniture piece selected from the group consisting of: a love seat, a swing, and a glider, a chaises lounge, a glider, a loveseat, and a tête-à-tête.

7. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is constructed from materials selected from the group consisting of: wood, plastic, metal, resin, wood-adhesive compounds, and combinations thereof.

8.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back is further adapted to be operably supported on said base for movement between an upright position and an angled position.

11. (Currently Amended) The seating unit of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein said aesthetic portion further comprises descriptive information related to said ~~feature~~ preselected existing geographical landscape contour, ridge profile, or mountain range forming said scenic silhouette, such as a name, elevation, or date.

12. (Currently Amended) The seating unit of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein each of said descriptive information plurality of preselected geographically identifiable, existing scenic silhouettes is the result of an application of a method selected from the group consisting of: painting, engraving, carving, etching, branding, scoring, embossing, plating, and molding.

13. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said edge is an upper exposed edge of said planar back, and said aesthetic portion extends along substantially the entire upper edge of said planar back.

14.-21. (Withdrawn)

22. (Currently Amended) A furniture piece comprising:
a first portion having an edge formed in a contour shape, said contour shape resembling one of a plurality of preselected existing and naturally occurring topographical contours.
23. (Currently Amended) The furniture piece as claimed in claim 22, wherein said first portion further comprises a substantially planar portion, and said preselected existing and naturally occurring topographical contours are derived from a profile of a mountain ridgeline.
24. (Original) The furniture piece as claimed in claim 23, wherein said furniture piece provides a seat, and said substantially planar portion is a back of said seat.